

THESE RULES WILL PUT OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF CUPID

Miss Nixola Greeley-Smith Says the Little God of Love Would Be Seriously Hampered by Father Angelo's Maxims.

RULES OF COURTSHIP AS LAID DOWN BY REV. FATHER ANGELO.

FOR COURTING COUPLES.

No holding hands.
No walks through lonely places.
No buggy rides.
Calling hours, 8 to 10.30 P. M.
No extra half-hours on the porch or at the garden gate to say good-by.
Don't sit so close on the sofa.
To the girl—Be sure your fiancé does not smoke or drink.
To the man—If you would discover your sweetheart's real temper see her in her home and among her friends.
Courtship should not last longer than seven months.
No girl should marry under the age of twenty-four.
A man should be at least thirty before he takes a wife.
Remember that courtship is a serious proposition.

FOR PARENTS.

Don't leave the parlor when the young man calls.
Ascertain progress of the courtship after a few months, and then, if the young man has not expressed his intentions, bring him to the point.
Long courtships are always harmful.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

THESE are the revised rules of courtship as formulated by the Rev. Father Angelo for the benefit of his parishioners of St. Michael's Church in Flushing.

Condensed, they mean simply this: "If you wish to take part in a successful courtship don't permit any courting."

For, eliminating the tender hand-clasps, the silent, sympathetic walks, the lingering good-bys at the garden gate or the flat-house door, and substituting for the lovers' tete-a-tetes familiar to every well-regulated household the family gathering in which the prospective son-in-law has to agree with all of father's political views, share his opinions on the "Thaw" case and laugh at all his jokes for the hundredth time, and what is there to any marriage that an enterprising marriage broker might not arrange?

Successful marriages take place between a man and a woman who really know each other and love each other notwithstanding.

According to Father Angelo's programme courtship, so far as the woman is concerned, consists in not letting a man learn anything about her.

It seems to me that even after the longest and frankest courtship, marriage brings revelations and disillusion enough. How many a young man knows that a girl's hand is worth holding unless he has held it?

That Haunting Hand Clasp.

In every man's memory is a recollection of some beautiful girl, some haunting Helen with the rose's splendor and the lily's point of view, who seemed that that poets had sung or artists had painted of loveliness until he took her hand in his and discovered that both from the angle of comfort and inspiration he would rather clasp a young girl by the tail. Had not this gentle and investigating hand clasp been permitted he might not have discovered till he placed the fateful ring upon it that her hand was not that which he wished to clasp through life.

If strolling through a shady lane were not permitted how could those well-known resemblances of lady's cheek to the wild rose blooming by the roadside, of her velvet touch to the fall of peach petals in the twilight, be discovered by the young man beside her?

Love is not blind, as the pessimists of all ages would have had us believe. It is clairvoyant. You think, Edwin, a very commonplace young man, don't you? But to Angelina, who loves him, he is the prince of intellects and the king of good fellows. Well, she is more nearly right than you are, for love has given her a clearer vision.

Love's Cold Douche.
You may be her father or her mother, and if you follow Father Angelo's advice you will sit around in the parlor where you are not wanted, will check by your chilling presence the fond avowal as it rises from the lover's heart to his lips, and freeze by your unsympathetic watchfulness the tender buds of affection.

Courtship should not last longer than seven months, says Father Angelo. Yet Jacob served twice seven years for Rachel. Some persons in our day have found seven weeks and even seven days sufficient to reach the conclusion that they were made for each other, and time has not undeceived them.

Some one, as you probably have heard, asked President Lincoln how long a man's legs should be, and he replied, "Just long enough to reach the ground."

It seems to me that courtships should be just long enough to reach the proposal point, and that this is the only safe rule we may formulate concerning them.

The proposition that parents should ascertain the progress of the courtship after a few months, and bring the dilatory suitor to the point by asking him his intentions, is one that no American father or mother considers for a moment.

Leave This to the Girl.
The young man so rarely has intentions, but in the hands of a capable young woman, such as the American daughter usually is, he is generally

erally more than anxious to adopt any views she may formulate in regard to their mutual destiny.

Parent-matches are not to the taste of young Americans. As a rule it does not take daughters long to unmake the match that mother made for her.

Father Angelo may be right concerning the right age for matrimony. But if every woman waited until she was twenty-four to marry and every man till he was thirty, there would be more spinster agitation for a bachelor tax and more forlorn members of lonely clubs auctioning kisses for \$1.00 than we have now in these sufficiently troubled and unchristian times.

Courtship does not by rule but by inspiration. Many a man who comments to himself on a girl's red nose in the morning on the tennis court finds himself engaged to her before the moon goes down.

The Golden Rule—Play Fair.
Punch's time-worn advice to a young man contemplating marriage, "Don't," is far too cynical. Lord Bacon's comment to a young man who asked him whether it was better to marry or remain single, "The either and you'll regret it," may be more true. But to me it seems there should be just one rule of courtship which would include all the others, and that is:

"Play fair!"
If the young people do this there is no need for parental interference. If the parents heed it the progress of the courtship need not concern them.

The divorce courts are paved with the "Intentions" of young men and women who never had any, but who were thrust into premature and unhappy matrimony by the unwise watchfulness of parents.

If a young man doesn't love a girl it is far better for her to find it out before marriage than afterward.

The Beginning, Not the End.
People follow the example of the novelists in insisting upon viewing matrimony as a happy ending instead of what it really is, an auspicious beginning of what may be either a charming romance or a hideous tragedy. The more reflecting people do before marriage the less, as a rule, they are compelled to do afterward.

And whatever thinking they do before or afterward they must do themselves. Neither parent nor priest can do it for them once they are old enough to think for themselves.

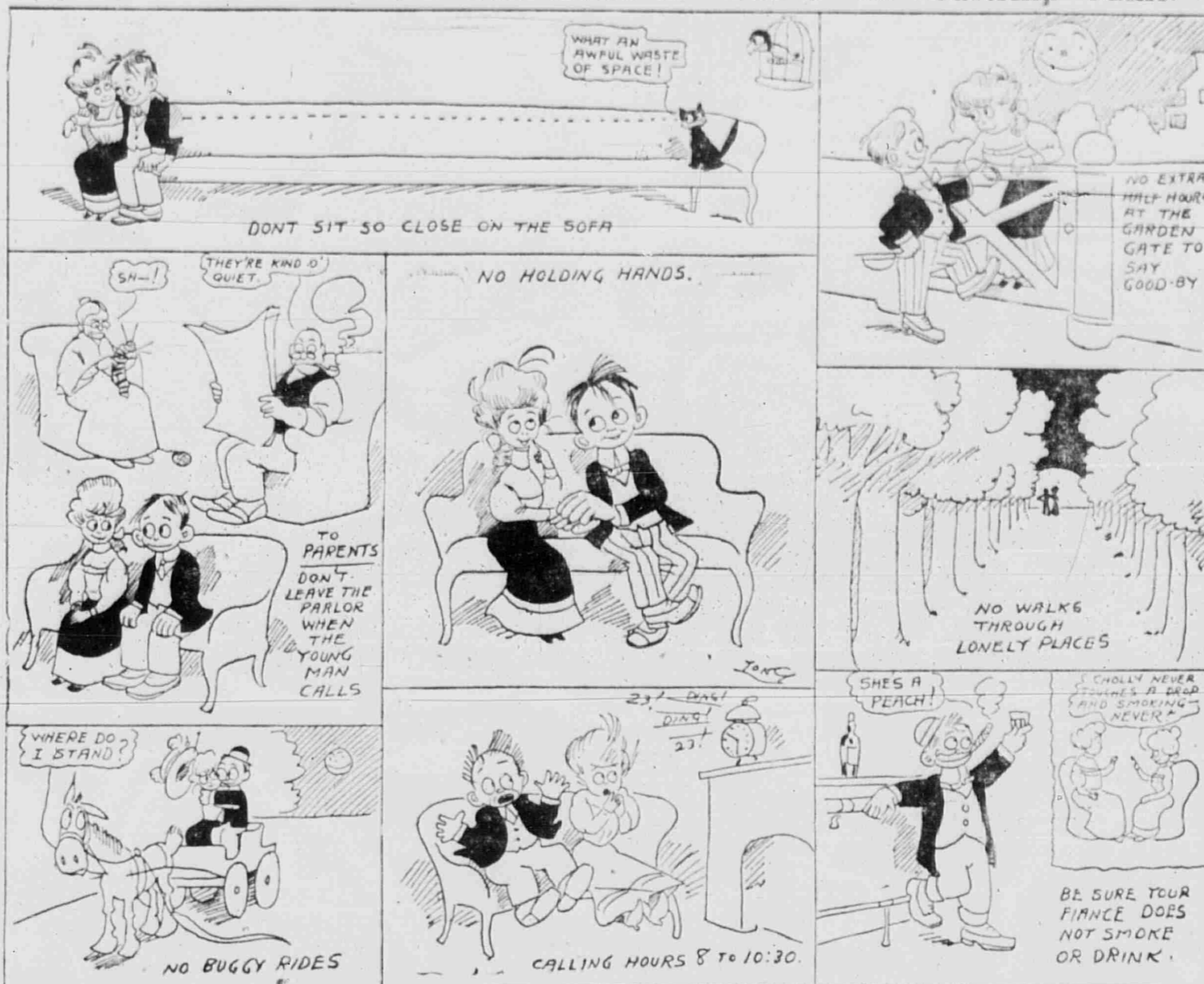
That age, I should think, is about twenty-one in a woman and twenty-five in a man, though the latter age is perhaps too young.

"Know yourself, know the girl and then take some time to think it over," is my advice to him.

And then, for them both, what seems to me the only necessary rule: "Play fair!"

Womanlike.
(From the Philadelphia Press)
Tess—She was in that hotel first, wasn't she?
Jess—Yes, and when the first fireman came up the ladder to rescue her she just wouldn't budge.
Tess—The idea! Panic-stricken, eh?
Jess—No, a bit of it. She waited for the second fireman, who was hand-

A Pair of "Do's" and a Full Hand of "Don'ts" in Courtship Game.



COURTS CAN'T KEEP PACE WITH CRIME

Mr. Smythe, Acting District Attorney, Says that Extra Judge Is Needed.

Acting District Attorney Smythe, when asked if he considered with the statement of Magistrate Cornell concerning organized crime in New York City today, said:

"The great difficulty now is that the criminal business in this county is so great that neither the Grand Jury nor the courts are able to give adequate time and attention to each individual case. In order to keep the books from filling up the District Attorney has to recommend and judges to accept pleas to lesser offenses from criminals who ought to be tried and sentenced for the highest degree of crime mentioned in the indictment. Such pleas are taken to save the time of trial."

"Recently the Judges of General Sessions have been less willing to take pleas to lesser offenses than those charged in the indictment. This has resulted in a decrease in the number of pleas taken, and there has followed a large increase in the number of trials, there being to-day one hundred more prison cases than a year ago and three hundred more on the standing calendar. The courts have to steer between the shoals of pleas to light offenses and inadequate sentences and the rocks of an overloaded calendar, and a standing calendar so large that bail cases become so old before they can be tried that a convict is in prison longer than his sentence."

"The situation could be met in part by holding court longer hours, and even a more efficient remedy to keep cases out of the calendar is to have the courts open during the summer, sitting all day, instead of having but two parts open during the summer months, which means, however, can only reduce the evil, and they are not adequate to meet it."

"The criminal business of this county has so increased that another part of General Sessions is imperatively demanded."

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.

Gen. Grant Assigns Nearby Soldiers to Three City Boroughs.

Major-Gen. Frederick D. Grant, commanding the Department of the East, yesterday issued orders assigning infantry and artillery from Governor's Island, Fort Hamilton and other reservations about the city to places in the parade on Decoration Day, as follows:

Borough of Manhattan—Col. Levin C. Allen, Twelfth Infantry, in command; band and four companies Twelfth Infantry from Fort Jay, Eighty-second and One Hundred and Fourteenth Companies Coast Artillery from Fort Totten, Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirtieth Companies Coast Artillery from Fort Hancock.

Borough of Brooklyn—Lieut.-Col. Henry H. Dodge, Twelfth Infantry, in command; Fifth and Twelfth Companies, and the Fifty-first, Eighty-fourth and Ninety-first Companies Coast Artillery from Fort Hamilton, Fifty-first, Fifty-third, Fifty-seventh and Eighty-sixth Companies Coast Artillery from Fort Wadsworth.

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BOYS CONFESS TO ROBBERING SAFE

Wrecked Jersey City Office When They Found Only \$1.

Two youthful burglars, one thirteen years of age and the other a year older, are held by the police in Jersey City to await the action of the Juvenile Court to-morrow on a charge of stealing money from a safe in the office of the Lincolnton Company, at No. 162 Broadway, and wrecking the office of the concern. Both boys, who say they are James Coy, thirteen years old, of No. 140 Broadway, and John J. Ryan, fourteen, of No. 62 Wales avenue, have confessed and told how they did it.

They were arrested to-day by Detective Larkins. They said they entered the office Friday night and proceeded to knock off the handle of the safe in the hope of finding money within. After the handle had been knocked off they found the door was open, but discovered there was only \$1 in the safe. Enraged at this they started in to wreck the place, and threw papers, books and other things about, drew pictures of "Black Hand" skulls and crossbones on the walls.

At the time of the robbery Thomas Brinn, of No. 19 Burton place, Brooklyn, N. Y., told the police that he believed that an enemy was trying to cover certain accounts used by him in his painting business, and being disappointed in not finding the formula, forced the safe to conceal the real reason of the robbery.

Pennsylvania House Votes Down a Roosevelt Resolution.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 22.—Mr. Bilestone, of Allegheny County, introduced a resolution in the House last night asking President Roosevelt to be a candidate for another term, but it was defeated by a viva voce vote without debate.

CHINESE ENVOY IS CALLED BACK HOME.

Liang Tun-Yen Will Succeed Liang-Cheng as Diplomat at Washington.

PEKING, April 22.—Sir Chentung Liang-Cheng, the Chinese Minister at Washington, is to return to Peking. He will probably have the posts vacated by Liang Tun-Yen, formerly President of the Board of Foreign Affairs and Comptroller-General of Maritime Customs.

Sir Chentung Liang-Cheng will be succeeded by Liang Tun-Yen, at present customs Tao-tai at Tientsin. Liang Tun-Yen is a Cantonese and a graduate of Yale.

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SLASHED BY MEN WHO HELD HIM UP

Otto Rickardt in Hospital After Attack Near a Subway Station.

Otto Rickardt, twenty-eight years old, of Montclair, N. J., was entering the subway station at Two Hundred and Thirtieth street and Broadway early today to take a downtown train when three men sprang from the shadow of the station. They hemmed him in and attempted to rob him. Rickardt resisted, shouting loudly for help. The assailants drew knives and slashed him on the forehead, arm and hand. He was bleeding from loss of blood, while the three robbers fled. Rickardt was seriously injured. An ambulance took him to the Fordham Hospital. He was unable to give the police any clue to the assailants.

Police of this city and Yonkers are searching to-day for burglars who looted the home of Mrs. Peter U. Fowler, widow of the president of the Citizens' Trust Company, No. 163 Glenwood avenue, Yonkers, last evening, evidently having watched until she left the house to make a call in the neighborhood, before attempting to effect an entrance.

The thieves forced a window in the pantry with a jimmy. They consumed some wine and food in the kitchen and in Caleb Fowler's room they selected some cigars. They went from room to room, searching everything and examining the contents of drawers. Among the other articles they took was a large number of old gold coins and trinkets which Mrs. Fowler's husband had collected in civil war times.

Several bedrooms were stolen. Mrs. Fowler estimates the loss of her jewelry and the coins at \$350, while no effort is made to place a value on the heirlooms.

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"MASHER" FLOGGED AT GIRL'S APPEAL

Athletic Lawyer Thrashes Old Flirt Annoying a Woman on Broadway.

He had arrived at years which usually bring discretion, but his gray mustache, waxed at the tips, top hat set at a tilt and showy frock coat, bespoke an effort to enhance his attractiveness. He returned the nods of brokers who passed him on Broadway yesterday afternoon, thus unconscious by identifying himself as a man well known on Wall street.

A pretty girl caught his eye near Liberty street. He quickened his pace and smirked at her as he approached.

She turned her eyes aside. This did not check his efforts at conquest. Finally he doffed his hat and caught the girl by the sleeve. Reginald Jackson, a young lawyer, with offices on Wall street, near Broad, who is famed among his friends for the victories won as a college athlete, chanced to be passing.

The girl turned to him. "Will you please aid me to get rid of this man," she said.

The young lawyer confronted the broker, who stood his ground defiantly. "Are you going to quit this?" asked the lawyer.

"Don't you butt in," retorted the other.

The lawyer's fist shot out; the broker's head went back and off went the silk hat. While the broker was patting his aching face with a handkerchief the girl bowed her thanks to the lawyer and continued on her way. The broker entered an office building near by.

LONGWORTH RAKED IN PULPIT. COLUMBUS, April 22.—In his morning sermon, in the Second Presbyterian Church, in Cincinnati, Sunday the Rev. Robert Watson noticed the dinner to be given at that hour by Mrs. Longworth to her son, Congressman Longworth, and his wife, the President's daughter, and said that any one who so violated the Sabbath was not fit to represent a district in Congress.

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